Placement testing provides a timely and useful assessment of a student's academic proficiency levels to determine the most appropriate courses in English, reading, math and other academic pathways. It is very important that students prepare for and take the test seriously so they are able to do their best and be placed in an appropriate level course.

Retesting
Retesting is an opportunity for incoming students to retake their placement tests. Retesting is available for incoming students who did not place as high as they expected when they took the original tests. It is a second chance. Students who improve their placements can change their course schedules for the upcoming semester to be placed in a higher class they may be qualified for.

A student wishing to retake any part of BC's placement tests for any reason is typically allowed one retest attempt in each subject area. TIP: Be sure to study before taking the test again. Students who retake the test without studying will usually not improve their placement.

Eligibility, Guidelines and Timelines
The timeline for eligibility for retesting depends on specific criteria, as outlined in the form below.

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(Select one option, below)

- **Option 1:** Retesting after 1 week of taking original test:
  - Students can retake their placement test after one week if they can demonstrate an extenuating circumstance (for example, medical or documented reasons) and if approved by a Bakersfield College Counselor.
  - **NOTES/AUTHORIZATION:**
    - Name/Title: 
    - Signature:
    - Department: 
    - Date: 

- **Option 2:** Retesting after 2 weeks of taking original test:
  - Students can retake their placement test after two weeks if they can demonstrate an increase in their proficiency level based on some organized study program such as completion of remedial work in the Student Success Lab.
  - Instructor, tutor or Counselor verification of adequate participation in remedial work and increase in proficiency is needed.
  - **NOTES/AUTHORIZATION:**
    - Name/Title: 
    - Signature:
    - Department: 
    - Date: 

- **Option 3:** Retesting after 2 months of original test:
  - All students may retake their placement test once, after two months of taking the original test.
  - **NOTES/AUTHORIZATION:**
    - Name/Title: 
    - Signature:
    - Department: 
    - Date: 

Students with special circumstances may submit a written request to the Dean of Student Development and Success to retake earlier than these guidelines. The Dean may waive or modify these guidelines in special circumstances.